

Memo

To: Shana Davis-Cook, Village Manager
From: Michael Younes, Director of Municipal Operations *MY*
CC: Board of Managers
Date: 6/7/11
Re: Update on Capital and Infrastructure Upgrade Projects

Below please find an update on the various capital and infrastructure upgrade projects currently in-process and in the planning stage:

Brookville Road Repaving (Maryland State Highway Administration):

- Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) contractors have completed their milling operations along Brookville Road.
- Paving operations began on Wednesday, June 8th.
- SHA estimates that major paving operations will be completed by Monday, June 13th.
- SHA contractors began paving Brookville Road at Western Avenue and traveling north towards East West Highway. SHA will pave the northbound lane Brookville Road completely between Western Avenue and East West Highway before paving the southbound lane of Brookville Road.
- SHA anticipates that the all work on Brookville Road should be completed by June 17, weather permitting.
- SHA has assured the Village that all work will be conducted during the daylight hours in an effort to minimize the impact to the surrounding residents.
- Notice has been sent regarding the repaving operations to abutting and neighboring residents along Brookville Road outlining what impacts can be expected. The notice has also been posted on the website and Village notification networks.

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PEPCO Feeder Upgrades (Connecticut Avenue and Bradley Lane):

- PEPCO feeder upgrades are complete along Connecticut Avenue, all that remains is for the removal of the old poles.
- Crews have now begun the same feeder upgrades along Bradley Lane.
- Due the confined space along Bradley Lane, this work is scheduled to last through the end of June.
- The project includes:
 - Replacement of the high voltage wire (highest wire on the pole) with an upgraded gauge wire.
 - Replacement of the secondary wire with an upgraded wire that can withstand tree interaction better
 - Replacement of 7 utility poles
 - Installation of 3 new utility poles

Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program:

- The first phase of the street maintenance and rehabilitation program was completed in October 2010.
- Over the past month, I have conducted a follow-up street survey that prioritized additional streets or curbs that need to be repaired.
- During the balance of this fiscal year, the following roads and curbs will be conducted:
 - Belmont Avenue
 - Patch Repairs on West Lenox Street (between Laurel Parkway and Connecticut Avenue) in preparation for paving next fiscal year
 - Curb Repairs – 5500 Montgomery Street
 - Curb Installation – South side of Laurel Park
- This round of road repaving will begin June 13 and continue through June 17.
- In the upcoming fiscal year, we will be continuing to work to improve the quality of the Village's streets and will be working to make more uniform repairs.
- The second and third phases of the project will be coordinated with WSSC as they complete their water main replacement activities over the coming year.

Village-wide Sidewalk Replacements:

- As of February 3rd the invitation for bids for the Village-wide sidewalk replacement project closed.
- A total of eight (8) bids were received

- Pursuant to Board feedback received at the March 14 and May 16 regular meetings Village staff has compiling the requested data of trip-hazards, approximate cost estimates and modified construction scheduled for the Boards review and possible contract award on June 13.
- Under the Old Business section of the June 13, I will present to the Board modified construction schedules to address concern regarding the phasing of the sidewalk replacements.

Verizon FiOS:

- *Verizon* FiOS service is now available throughout the Village.
- *Verizon* has set up a special phone line for the Village residents to call if they wish to order service, (855) 822-FiOS (3467). This phone number will bypass *Verizon's* existing phone system and will provide direct assistance for ordering service.
- In order to bring *Verizon's* FiOS technology to a residents home *Verizon* will need to bring a new fiber optic wire to the house. This wire will be run along the same path (above or below ground) as your current copper phone line.
- Typically, *Verizon* runs this wire and attaches it to the main FiOS wire on the closest power pole one day (you don't need to be home for this) and on a second day which is scheduled in advance, a *Verizon* technician will need to enter your home to complete the FiOS installation.

Wisconsin Avenue Sidewalk

- In November 2010, Village staff met with Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) officials regarding the possible installation of a sidewalk along Wisconsin Avenue between Grafton Street and Bradley Lane in response to resident requests.
- In April, the Village was informed that SHA had agreed to fund the design of the project along the requested path.
- SHA District 3 and Headquarters staff is still in the process of drafting and review concept plans for the sidewalk.
- SHA anticipates that project plans will be completed by the end of July 2011.
- Once project plans are drafted SHA and Village staff will meet again to discuss next steps such as a construction timetable and what property, tree and utility impacts may exist.

WSSC Water Main Replacement:

- WSSC has awarded a contract for the Village water main replacement work. However, as of March 7 one of the bidders filed a bid protest to challenge the awarded contract. WSSC is in the process of responding to the challenge which has caused the project to be put on a temporary hold.

- Due to the bid protest construction is still in a holding pattern.
- While WSSC is in this holding pattern, I have been in contact with representatives at WSSC to determine the flexibility of including additional water mains that we have observed a high number of breaks on in the past couple of years.
- WSSC has informed me that they are actively looking into the break history on the Grafton Street water main. Preliminary indications are that the Grafton Street section of water main will be added to the WSSC's water main replacement plan.
- The Grafton Street water main is the largest size main in the Village at 12-inches and is approximately 95 year old.
- Once the challenge of the contract is resolved Village staff, WSSC, the selected contractor will meet to discuss the project schedule further. Once that meeting occurs, I will provide a further update to you, the Board and affected residents.